GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam – Misappropriation of 300 coins of (5) grams gold dollars – Disciplinary action initiated against Charged Officers – Charges framed against Sri P.Seshadri, Superintendent (Retd.,), Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanam, Tirupathi – Written Statement of Defense submitted – Considered – Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE-IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.839 Dated:18-08-2017
Read the following:

1.From the EO, TTD, Lr.No.DA3/23959/2006, dt.23-08-2008.
2.Proceedings No.DA3/23959/2006, dt.29-11-2008 of EO, TTD.
3.G.O.Rt.No.56, Revenue (Vig.IV) Dept, dated 16-01-2009.
4.G.O.Ms.No.665, Revenue (Vig.IV) Dept, dated 07-07-2009.
5.Explanation dt.24-12-2008 of Sri P.Seshadri, Superintendent , (Retd.)
6.G.O.Ms.No.1237, Revenue (Vig.IV) Dept, dt.03-12-2009.
7.G.O.Ms.No.604, Revenue (Vig.IV) Dept, dated 29-06-2010.
8.Judgement dated 14-11-2014 in C.C.No.246/2008 passed by IV Additional Judicial Magistrate of 1st Class, Chittooor.
9.Representation dt.06-04-2017 of Sri P.Seshadri, Superintendent, (Retd).

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O R D E R :

In the reference 1st read above, the Executive Officer, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams reported that the Chief Vigilance & Security Officer, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam enquired and submitted a report stating that Sri K.Venkatachalapathi, Assistant / Shroff, has misappropriated 300 Gold Dollars, weighing 5 Grams each, in Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam. He has recommended to initiate disciplinary action against Sri K.Venkatachalapathi, Assistant / Shroff and 18 other officials including Sri P.Seshadri, Superintendent (Retired). Accordingly, disciplinary action has been initiated and Charges are framed against Sri P.Seshadri, Superintendent (Retired), vide reference 2nd read above. All the Charged Officers have submitted their Written Statements of Defense, duly denying the charges.

2. Whereas Government have examined the Written Statements of Defense and entrusted the case to the Commissioner of Inquiries, vide reference 6th read above. Certain Charged Officers approached the Andhra Pradesh High Court and filed Writ Petitions challenging the charges framed against them. The Hon'ble High Court in its interim orders dated 22-06-2010, directed the respondents not to proceed with the inquiry unless and until all the documents which are relied upon by the petitioner for the purpose of enquiry and sought by him, are furnished.

3. In the reference 8th read above, the IV Additional Judicial Magistrate of 1st Class, Chittoor, passed judgment in C.C.No.246/2008 filed against Sri K.Venkatachalapathi, Shroff / Assistant, who is the prime accused in this case and convicted him for the offence, besides imprisonment for 3 years and a fine of Rs.10,000/-.

4. In the reference 9th read above, Sri P.Seshadri, Superintendent (Retired) has submitted representation before the Government, stating that the One Man Commission constituted by the Government in its report dated 07-10-2009 held that Sri P.Seshadri is not responsible for the missing of gold dollars. The Commission also stated that there is no evidence of his involvement, conspiracy or connivance or association and requested to drop further action.

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5. Government, after examining the matter observe the following :-

"On the basis of the report of the Chief Vigilance & Security Officer, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam and the report of CBCID and the CBCID did not hold Sri P.Seshadri, guilty of any lapse in this case. Sri K.Venkata Chalapathy, Shroff was alone held guilty by the CBCID, after a thorough enquiry and accordingly, charge sheet was filed against him. He was examined as a witnesses in the said criminal case and found Sri K.Venkata Chalapathy, Shroff, guilty of criminal breach and finally convicted and sentenced him for a period of three years. Further, the CBCID report does not provide any basis for the charges levelled against Sri P.Seshadri and the same has been confirmed by the One Man Commission's Report."

6. After careful examination of the matter, Government have decided to take into consideration of the representation and to drop further action against Sri P.Seshadri. Accordingly, Government, hereby order to drop further action against Sri P.Seshadri, Superintendent (Retired), Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanams.

7. The Executive Officer, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam, shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.MANMOHAN SINGH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri P.Seshadri, Superintendent (Retd.,), Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam.
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